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Dear Sir:

In an attempt to fully comply with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. Section 1.56, and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.97-1.99, Applicants wish to bring to the attention of the United States Patent Office the following reference(s).

The information listed herein below may not qualify as prior art, and should not be considered prior art merely from Applicants' citation herein. 37 C.F.R. 1.96(h).

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3). No fee is required at this time.

Foreign Patent(s)

Japanese Patent Application No. 07-305947; Filed: November 24, 1995; Publication No.: 09-146973; Published: June 6, 1997; Title: DISTRIBUTED HYPER TEXT CONTROLLER

Japanese Patent Application No. 05-189636; Filed: July 30, 1993; Publication No.: 07-044477; Published: February 14, 1995; Title: CONTROL SYSTEM FOR MULTI-MEDIUM EQUIPMENT

Cop is of these documents are attached herewith, and are listed on the PTO Form 1449.

If the Examiner believes a telephone interview will help further the prosecution of this case, Applicants respectfully request that the undersigned attorney be contacted at the listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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